

enlargement or repair of any of its works ; or if the owner be a married woman, infants, *non compos mentis*, or out of the county, the corporation may apply to a Justice of the Peace of the county in which such property is situated, and he shall issue his warrant to the Sheriff of the county, requiring him to summon a jury, to meet on the land at a day therein specified, and being not more than ten nor less than five days thereafter.

Sheriff to
summon jury.

Continue to
summon.

Sec. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the said Sheriff shall accordingly summon twenty disinterested men, who shall be freeholders and residents of the County, not related to either party, and if any of them do not attend he may summon or call others immediately to make up the number of twenty ; each party shall have a right, in person, by agent or attorney, if present at the time, to strike off four, and the Sheriff shall strike off such as shall not be stricken off by the parties, until the number shall be reduced to twelve, who shall be a jury.

Oath.

Value dama-
ges.

Sec. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the Sheriff shall then administer an oath or affirmation to every person of the jury, that he will impartially and to the best of his skill and judgment, value the land or other property required by the corporation, and also (if the same be land required for the construction of road or works) the damage which the owner will sustain, if any, by the taking of the land for such use, the jury shall accordingly inquire of such value and damage and make report thereof in writing, to be signed by them all, and setting forth (in case of land) the boundaries of the land and the estate, interest or use to be taken by the corporation. Such inquisition and report shall be returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County in which said condemnation shall occur.

Inquisition.

Confirmed by
Court.

Sec. 17. *And be it enacted*, That such inquisition and report shall be confirmed by such Court, unless good cause be shown to the contrary, and when confirmed, shall be recorded by the Clerk ; but for cause the Court may set it aside and order another inquisition, or more than one, from time to time, to be conducted in like manner as the first, and with like effect, until an inquisition and report shall be confirmed by the Court ; upon such con-